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1. REFTEL REPORTED ON CANDIDATES FOR PHONG DINH'S LOWER HOUSE SEATS.

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2. THE WINNERS:
A. NGO VAN HIEU, 35, 30,055 VOTES. DOCTOR, ARVN CAPTAIN. STUDIED MEDICINE IN HANOI AND SAIGON. BUDDHIST REFUGEE FROM NORTH VIETNAM. COOPERATED WITH HOA HAO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PHAM VAN HOI AND USED COCONUT TREE SYMBOL OF HOA HAO CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEADER

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VAN PHU (ALSO ASSOCIATED DURING LOWER HOUSE CAMPAIGN WITH ALL VIETNAM BLOC). MAIN PLATFORM PLANK WAS TO EXPAND RURAL HEALTH FACILITIES. POSTERS ALSO INCLUDED REFERENCES TO ENDING WAR BUT HIEU CLAIMED THAT HE IS NOT A FOLLOWER TO TRUONG DINH DZU. REPORTEDLY CANDIDATE OF CATHOLIC GREATER SOLIDARITY FORCES.
B. PHAM VAN HOI, 59, 15,760 VOTES. HOA HAO, FORMER HOA HAO ARMY MAJOR, MEMBER OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. PLATFORM STATED THAT WAR SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PREVENT ACHIEVEMENT OF PEOPLES' ASPIRATIONS. PLATFORM INCLUDED GENERAL STATEMENTS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORM AND GENERALIZED REFERENCES TO NEED FOR PEACE.
C. DAM QUANG DON, 32, WITH 14,436 VOTES. ARVN LT., CANDIDATE OF GENERAL TRAN VAN DON. DIRECTOR OF MILITARY

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HIGH SCHOOL CAN THO. CONFUCIANIST, HAS LAW DEGREE FROM UNIVERSITY OF SAIGON. CLAIMS PEOPLE ARE UNCOMMITTED AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND ELECTIONS. PLATFORM INCLUDED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON MILITARY, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REFORM AND DEVELOPMENT OF DELTA. DON WAGED A STRONG CAMPAIGN.
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